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A Colored Young Man of the City of New York. 1835.

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Boston, March 14, 1837.

Dear brother May:

My best affections are tendered to you and yours. But I have only a minute or two to occupy, as our esteemed friend, Mr. Williams of Brooklyn, is expecting the stage to call for him instantly. Bro. Stanton and Whittier are yet in the city, plotting and contriving, as usual, in order to make fanaticism the order of the day. On Sabbath evening, I lectured in the Friends' meeting-house in Lynn, to one of the most crowded audiences I have ever seen. Probably two thousand persons were present, and a multitude were excluded for want of room. My remarks were chiefly confined to the Friends. I rebuked them plainly to their faces, for their lukewarmness and exclusive spirit. They bore it pretty well from me.

The Quarterly Meeting of our State Society is to be held in Lynn a fortnight from to-day. You must, if possible, attend it. We shall adjourn it from Lynn to Boston, in order to have another chance at our Representatives, before they go home to their constituents. Every thing in the Legislature promises fair.

An almost incredible change has taken place since last year.

What a horrible avowal is that of Van Buren in his Inaugural Address! We must make it a mill-stone about his neck.

I have just received a very big and affectionate letter from our beloved friend Thompson. He mourns that he receives no letters from me, but blames himself, and not me — generous soul! I, only, deserve censure.

Hope you will not fail to be at the annual meeting in New-York in May. It will be a great and momentous occasion.

You will see what liberties I have taken with the article you sent me respecting Algernon Sidney, alias Walter Colton. He is the author.

Mrs. Benson has been very sick in Providence, but is now convalescent. Dear Helen sends her love to you and Mrs. May. Our boy now goes alone, and thrives finely.

In a hurry, yours, boisterously,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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W. L. Garrison
March 14, 1837

Samuel J. May,

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Favored by Mr. Williams.